

Failure to renew these provisions would lead to unnecessary disruption of financial aid office activities and significant costs to revise system operations. A similar administrative disruption and costs would be visited upon lending institutions.

A college education is becoming increasingly more expensive. These two important provisions make it easier on the student to receive financial aid in a timely manner. Not only is it important that we maximize federal assistance in student financial aid, but we must ensure that the process is not overly burdensome on students or schools.

Renewing these provisions would not only make the daunting task of finding financial aid easier for students. And the cost to the federal government would be minimal.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in renewing HEA Sections 428G(a)(3) & (B)(1) so we can continue benefiting students and avoid disrupting financial aid operations.

HONORING JOHN McCORMICK,
CHICAGO TRIBUNE PAGE EDITOR

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to John McCormick, winner of the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) 2002 Distinguished Writing Award for Editorial Writing.

John McCormick is the deputy editorial page editor of the Chicago Tribune. He joined the Chicago Tribune editorial board in 2000 and was promoted to deputy editor the following year. Prior to joining the Tribune, John worked for several years as the Chicago bureau chief for Newsweek magazine.

On April 12, 2002, John was awarded the 2002 Distinguished Writing Award for Editorial Writing at the ASNE annual convention in Washington, D.C. John has proven his astute writing abilities in various editorials for the Tribune including topics ranging from the September 11th attacks to the poignant circumstances surrounding the death of a Chicago police officer.

ASNE judges stated the following comment on John's abilities as a writer by saying, "he won the editorial writing award for his eloquent commentary on topics including September 11th as well as veteran sacrifices that would be cheapened by efforts to sell the naming rights to a renovated Soldier Field. In a classic editorial writing style, McCormick is a strong advocate without being preachy."

John is joined in this recognition by his wife Dawn and their two sons, who reside in LaGrange Park, Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring John McCormick on his achievements and wish John many years of future success.

LOYALTY DAY

HON. MICHAEL FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, on July 18, 1958, the United States Congress passed

Public Law 85-529 and designated May 1 of each year as "Loyalty Day." I am pleased to join my fellow Americans today in confirming our allegiance to the United States of America by celebrating this important occasion. Now more than ever, it is vital that we stand together as a nation and remain committed to the common good of our people.

As we speak, the courageous men and women of our Armed Services stand firm across the world, protecting our freedom from all those who threaten its existence. Like their predecessors who fought for our nation in years past, today's service men and women need our support and require our loyalty.

However, Loyalty Day should not be confined to support of our military. The spirit of Loyalty Day can extend throughout our daily lives. Strong devotion to our country can be shown through service to fellow citizens and participation in government. By voting, by fighting for a cause and by helping your community, you are showing loyalty to our nation by honoring the virtues our great country was founded on.

An organization exhibiting the true essence of Loyalty Day is the Bay Leaf Post No. 6807 Ladies Auxiliary in Garwood, New Jersey. I commend the ladies of Post No. 6807 for their continuing support of veterans in the 7th District of New Jersey. Their actions to benefit veterans stand as an example of true loyalty to our nation. Organizations such as this are instrumental in keeping the American spirit alive by serving and remaining devoted to our great country.

Today, I commend all the Americans celebrating Loyalty Day and congratulate all those who have served and continue to serve our great country.

HONORING WILLIAM J. KEATING
AS HE RECEIVES THE 2002 METROPOLITAN AWARD

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William J. Keating, a friend, valued constituent and distinguished former Member of this House, who will receive the Metropolitan Club's 2002 Metropolitan Award on May 21, 2002. Recipients of this prestigious honor are citizens of the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area who have exhibited extraordinary effort toward improving the lives of our community's residents, and have significantly bridged the gap between Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

A native of Cincinnati, Bill Keating has a very long list of accomplishments. As former congressman, newspaper publisher, successful businessperson and judge, his influence can be seen in nearly every major civic project in this area in the past fifty years, including downtown development, arts, education and sports.

After graduating from St. Xavier High School, where he was an All-American swimmer, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during World War II. He returned home and earned two degrees (bachelor's and law) from the University of Cincinnati in just four years. He was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1950,

began practicing law in Cincinnati and helped to found what has become a major Cincinnati law firm in 1954.

Bill's name has been virtually synonymous with public service since 1957, when he became assistant attorney general for the state of Ohio. In 1958, he was appointed judge of the Hamilton County Municipal Court, was elected to that court in 1959 and was presiding judge from 1962 until 1963. In 1964, Bill was elected to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, where he served until 1967. For two terms, Bill was member of Cincinnati City Council, from 1967 to 1970. First elected to the House of Representatives in 1970. Bill served with distinction in the Ninety-second and Ninety-third Congresses representing the First District of Ohio.

Following his Congressional service, Bill moved into journalism and joined the Cincinnati Enquirer, where he was president and publisher. Later, he serves president of the Gannett Central Newspaper Group, chairman of the Cincinnati Inquirer, executive vice President and general counsel of Gannett Company, Inc. and chief executive officer of the Detroit Newspaper Agency in May, 1986.

Bill is a proven leader. He has been active with numerous causes in our area, including the Cincinnati Business Committee, the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, the Cincinnati Arts Association, and the Bid Development Committee for Olympics 2012. In 2001, he was awarded the covered title of Great Living Cincinnati by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

All of us in the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area congratulate Bill Eating on receiving the 2002 Metropolitan Award, the latest acknowledgment of this remarkable device to our region.

SIXTH DISTRICT IS HOME TO
FOUR STATE ROUNDBALL CHAMPS

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. COLBE. Mr. Speaker, the University of Maryland just won the NCAA college basketball championship, we are deep into the NBA pro basketball playoffs, and the nation's high schools recently completed their basketball tournaments. During this basketball season, I am pleased to report that the Sixth District of North Carolina is the proud home of four state champions—three girls' teams and one boys' squad.

North Carolina is known nationally as a hotbed of basketball—both from a playing standpoint as well as a spectator sport. We know basketball in the Tar Heel State. That is what makes this season so special for the folks back home. We have not one, not two, not three, but four state champions. It has been a special season and one that is worthy of recognition in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

We begin with the Ledford Senior High School girls' basketball team because the Panthers completed a perfect season with a win in the title contest on March 15. The Panthers finished the year 32-0 with a surprisingly easy 73-51 victory over Tarboro High in the 2-A championship game. In fact, every win this year was by double digits; no one could touch the Panthers of Ledford High.